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In re application of: Lenting et al.

Application No.: 09/831,679

Filed: May 10, 2001

For: FACTOR VIII POLYPEPTIDE HAVING
FACTOR VIII: C ACTIVITY

) Group Art Unit: 1653

) Examiner: Samuel W. Liu

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the office Action mailed October 3, 2002, please enter and consider the following.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has requested that Applicants elect one group under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-5 and 15-17, drawn to an isolated polypeptide and a preparation comprising the polypeptide, are classified in class 530, subclass 350 and class 514, subclass 2, for example.

Group II - Claims 6-13 and 14, drawn to a polynucleotide, an expression vector comprising the polynucleotide, a host cell for the expression of the polynucleotide and a process of synthesizing the polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide, are classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, class 435, subclass 69.1.320.1, 252.3 and 325+, for example.

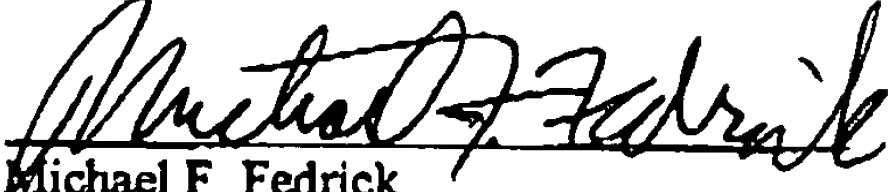
Group III – Claims 18 and 19, drawn to a method for treating a coagulation disorder, are classified in class 514, subclass 2, class 530, subclass 350, class 435, subclass 7.1, class 604, subclass 19, for example.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I without traverse

Applicants request that the application now be examined on the merits.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application,
please telephone the undersigned at (805) 372-3553.

Respectfully submitted,

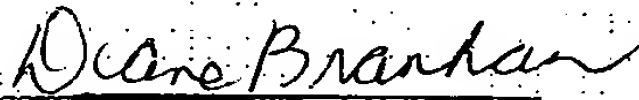

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